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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. IN BRIEF CEREMONY JULY 19, AMBASSADOR COHEN PRESENTED COPIES OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO SENEGALESE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSANE SECK. CABINET DIRECTOR YOUSSEPH SYLLA AND OTHER SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ATTENDED.

2. IN WELCOMING AMBASSADOR, SECK DESCRIBED US AND SENEGAL AS "FRIENDS," AND ASSURED THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE GOOD AND WITHOUT ANY PARTICULAR CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. SECK SPOKE OF SENEGALESE ADMIRATION FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE AND WISHED CARTER ADMINISTRATION SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING NEW GOALS IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES, EVOLUTION OF WHICH HE SAID HE FOLLOWED CLOSELY. SECK NOTED THAT US UNESCAPABLE DESTINY IS TO PLAY LEADERSHIP ROLE IN AREAS OF PEACE, SECURITY, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. HE SAID HE WOULD ALWAYS TRY TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IS ALSO GOOD AS VIEWED FROM WASHINGTON. HE ASSURED MINISTER THAT US IS NOT BECOMING ISOLATIONIST, THOUGH IT IS CONSIDERABLY LESS INTERVENTIONIST THAN IN PAST. WE
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WOULD BE ACTIVE ON ECONOMIC PLANE HOWEVER, AND PLANNED TO REINFORCE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED FAVORABLE INTEREST IN SENEGAL'S DEMOCRATIC PLURALISM AT HOME AND IN PASSAGE OF SENEGALESE-INITIATED RESOLUTION CONDEMNING FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA VOTED AT LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT.

4. SECK NOTED THAT PROBLEM WITH OAU RESOLUTION LAY IN

HAVING IT RESPECTED BY ALL STATES. HE ASSERTED THAT ALL AFRICAN STATES HAVE AUGMENTED THEIR MILITARY BUDGETS SINCE ANGOLAN AFFAIR. TURNING TO DOMESTIC POLITICS, SECK REMARKED THAT THERE HAD ALWAYS BEEN VOCAL OPPOSITION IN SENEGAL INCLUDING HIS OWN VIGOROUS ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES IN EARLY SIXTIES. DIFFERENCE NOW, HE SAID, WAS THAT DISTINCTION BETWEEN STATE AND PARTY IN POWER WAS CLEARLY RECOGNIZED.

5. IN EARLIER MEETING, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR CHEIKH NA LEYE, MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING US IN SEPTEMBER, APPARENTLY TO START LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR PLANNED VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR NEXT JUNE (DAKAR 4639). LEYE SAID PRESIDENT HAD RECEIVED INVITATION FROM GRACE SCHUMANN OF AMERICAN POETRY CENTER IN NEW YORK FOR JUNE 15.
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